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First Class to Graduate from Claresholm School of Agriculture Awarded Diplomas

Twenty-Eight Young Men Finish 2-year Course in
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Over 500 People Pack the School Auditorium

The largest audience that has yet been crowded into the spacious auditorium of the Claresholm School of Agriculture was that which assembled on Friday evening to witness the presentation of diplomas to the first graduating class of this institution, an institution, which with its sister schools at Olds and Vermilion, is unique in the Dominion of Canada, and practically, it may be said, in the world. There are advanced colleges which teach agriculture and train instructors for the teaching of agriculture, but this institution is a school for intending agriculturists with a view to furthering the movement "stay on the farm and farm more intelligently" rather than the "back to the farm" movement. It takes the young from the farm and sends him back with a greater respect for his environment and calling and a truer conception of the dignity and depth of farming as a life work. The 500 people who attended the closing exercises last Friday evening have followed with interest the working out of this almost experiment and rejoiced with the staff of the school and with the representatives of the government present in the fact that the first graduating class was about to go out to their several communities to demonstrate the value of the education given, the advice imparted and the importance of the influences which are supposed to be exerted by those graduating from this institution.

The social side of the evening's program made itself seen in the costumes of the ladies and the "sweet girl graduates" in white relieved by the color of the flowers worn, gave a note of gaiety to the gathering which has not been so noticeable at any previous functions at the school. The hall was so crowded that very shortly after the hour announced, all seats of which there were over 350 and all standing room was occupied and many were unable to get a foothold in the room itself let alone hear the addresses. On the platform with Principal Stephen were Dr. Shuttleworth, late professor of chemistry at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, now the proprietor of a large stock farm near Blackie, Alta.; Dr. Millar, superintendent of technical education for Alberta; H. A. Craig, superintendent of provincial agricultural farms; G. R. Marnoch, president of the local board of trade; Chas. Noble, of the Noble Foundation farms, Nibaldo; J. Clements, formerly manager of the Olds demonstration farm, now associated with the encouragement of fairs and institutes; and Mayor Holmes, Claresholm.

Principal Stephen welcomed the audience on behalf of the staff of the school and the students and spoke of his gratification, and that of the department of agriculture for the province, at the splendid organization of the police of the province in the institution of this scheme of agricultural education which had been seen in the manner in which the farmers of the country had responded by sending their sons to the school and in the enthusiasm with which the work was followed and approved by the thinking people of the province. What had begun as an experiment

what was a virtual pioneer undertaking in the whole world, was, at the end of its first year, to farewell its first graduating class and the work of uplifting to dignity the noble profession of agriculture was fairly begun. The students would go out with more than a certain amount of instruction assimilated; they would go out each to his community to continue the work of uplift on the farm, in the farm homes, in the social circles. They had, if the instruction had struck down its roots deeply in the soil of the mind, had the curtain lifted, if ever so little, and nature should be to them now a study, worthy of the most diligent research and keenest observation, that her hidden riches might be uncovered. He extended a welcome to the visiting parents and observers from the districts served by this school and extended a welcome to those who should address the meeting and take part in the closing exercises.

Mr. Marnoch spoke for the delegation from Lethbridge which had spent a day investigating the operation and work of the school and expressed his admiration of the things which he had seen. Lethbridge wanted a school like the Claresholm school and this was the highest praise which he could give the institution here, for Lethbridge wanted none but the best things. His only criticism of the curriculum was that the boys should be taught domestic science as well as the girls, a point which he established by most humorous argument.

The presentation of the diplomas was made by Dr. Shuttleworth, who had a bright quiz for each as he handed the roll. Advice, solid and substantial, clothed in humor and persiflage, made this otherwise tedious exercise one of the brightest parts of the evening program. Dr. Millar followed with a short address in which the technical side of the education in these schools was given due credit. He thought that the ideal of the school should be an institution for teaching agriculturists rather than agriculturism. The work of greatest importance that these schools are designed to do is to equip and send out community leaders. Agriculture is a profession that must be elevated from within, rather than from without. There is in the ideals kept before them by the board of agricultural education a proper and proportionate emphasis upon the economic problems of the farms as well as the scientific and with these the social problems must be given due place.

H. A. Craig in the course of a practical address, warned the students that the watchword "Patriotism and Production" must not be narrowly applied to grain growing alone, but that foremost in any patriotic increase in production should come an increase in the production of live-stock and the agricultural departments. He advised the farmers to base his operations on the live-stock end of his business. J. Clements, associated with the work of Alberta fairs and institutes, made his debut before a southern Alberta audience, in the closing speech of the evening. He made

Huns Running Short of Shells

Ammunition, ammunition, nothing but ammunition," that is the essential problem which the war presents in the opinion of Field Marshal Sir John French, commander of the British forces in France and Belgium, according to the Havas agency correspondent at British headquarters.

"Ammunition is the prerequisite of all progress and of all pushing ahead," Sir John is quoted as saying in an interview with the Havas correspondent. "Every one needs plenty of ammunition, but the Germans need it more than we do. I

have had a feeling for some time past that they were being sparing of their shells. They don't require

them as at the beginning. They

are economizing because the lack of munitions necessary for the manufacture of explosives is making itself felt in Germany.

"Neither is it the morale of their troops the same. One gets from the visiting parents and observers from the districts served by this school and extended a welcome to those who should address the meeting and take part in the closing exercises.

"Economic difficulties in the interior of the German Empire are daily becoming more serious. No doubt the Germans still are far from famine, but they manifestly are hampered in obtaining food supply, and this is a great deal.

"I do not believe it will be a long war. Spring promises well for the Allies. We are convinced that a decisive and a definite victory awaits us at the end of all these hard months of war."

The above very optimistic statement as to the length of the war credited to Sir John French is, if authentic, full of significance. He would not say anything that tended to bring about any relaxation of effort in Britain unless he absolutely knew that his forecasts would be verified.

Would Thank Them

Mr. Abel takes this opportunity to thank the students of the Agricultural school for their feelings of regard expressed so frequently in the handsome presentation made at the close of the term.

the transition from the grave to the gay and, in a very humorous manner, put the audience into a very pleasing mood for the wind-up of a rather lengthy program. His address was replete with good advice to the students who are severing their connection with the school of agriculture, which advice will be no less impressive because it was presented in a pleasing way.

In the course of the program, Miss Ethelyn Knight sang a patriotic song which was encored, the response being Tolstoi's "Good-bye" P. M. Abel accompanying her on the violin. Gerald McClean, in his characteristic manner, sang pleasantly a sea song. The Misses Agnes and Ruby Foss rendered a piano duet. The McCormick orchestra, with W. R. Shanks on the cornet, played several selections while the crowd was assembling and also played for the dance at the close of the evening program. The absence of Hon. Duncan Marshall, Dr. Rutherford and our own member was regretted by these gentlemen found it impossible to be present. In all this was the most enjoyable function which has taken place under the auspices of the Claresholm School of Agriculture.

By a special bill, now before the legislature at Edmonton, the town of Claresholm is permitted to consolidate its debt-burden with 10 years of life others with 30 years to run. All the holders of the municipal debentures of this town have consented to exchange the debentures now held for those with the longer term. This enables the town to spread its payments over a longer period and relieves in some measure the financial impact in which it found itself.

Mission Circle as Hostesses

At the home of Geo. Ringrose, on Tuesday evening, the girls of the Mission Circle of the Methodist church held their social evening with a large number of the young folks of the church as guests. The program consisted of several specially interesting recitations and songs in which the entertainers were attired in the costumes of the countries referred to in the selections chosen. Miss Ringrose represented India, Miss Burrow, China, and others. Socials and games were also a part of the evening entertainment. The presentation was made in the nature of a surprise to Miss Julia Soby, whose approaching marriage has been announced. The master had been kept so closely that the recipient was not present and her sister, Mrs. W. E. Atkinson, accepted and responded for Miss Julia. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed.

Calgary a Training Centre

It has been decided by the department of militia to establish certain training and shooting camps for summer work in the Dominions, and to complete the training of the soldiers now in Canada. Valentine will be present, as will also Petawawa. In addition a tract of ground will be secured in British Columbia, while at Calgary and Medicine Hat camps will be established for Alberta. Camp Ewell will be put into commission for the central troops. In Ontario, camps will be established at Niagara, Barryfield and London, while in the maritime provinces there will be training grounds at Amherst and Kentville. Shooting and manœuvring will be the specialty.

Gold-Piece Shows Appreciated

A committee of eight representing the graduating class at the School of Agriculture, surprised F. M. Abel, professor of animal husbandry, of the school, at the home of Wm. Knight on Saturday evening and made him the recipient of a gold piece as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the class. The presentation was accompanied by an address of appreciation and was fittingly responded to by Mr. Abel.

Mr. Bacon witnessed the retreat from Mons, the battle of the Marne and the Aisne and has a story to tell that crowds the largest churches. Rev. Dr. Briggs says, "Bacon is a remarkable and talented man. I never heard his equal." Do you want to hear the clearest, clearest and the most popular and patriotic concert and war recital, ever given in Canada. At the Methodist Church on Thursday, April 6th. Admissions 50 cents.

